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DERMATOLOGY—Essentials of Diagnosis and Treatment. Marion B. Sulzberger, M.D., Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology and Syphilology; and Jack Wolf, M.D., Associate Professor of Dermatology and Syphilology; both of New York University Postgraduate Medical School. The Year Book Publishers, Inc., 200 East Illinois Street, Chicago, 1952. 592 pages, \$10.00.

This is one of the most valuable dermatological texts which your reviewer has ever read. Thoroughly up to date, it presents the latest in clinical, experimental and therapeutic advances. The authors do not follow a stereotyped textbook approach but give their own findings and opinions. They tell what drugs to use, how to use them and where to obtain them and, also, of the pitfalls to avoid.

The color photographs are excellent. The black and white photographs suffer somewhat from being crowded, too many to the page.

Although the authors warn of the sensitizing powers of benzocaine and nupercaine they occasionally include them in their prescriptions. These drugs would better be avoided.

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LOGAN TURNER'S DISEASES OF THE NOSE, THROAT, AND EAR—Fifth Edition. Edited by Douglas Guthrie. The Williams and Wilkins Company, Baltimore, 1952. 478 pages, 246 illustrations and nine colored plates, \$8.00.

The demand for another (Fifth Edition) of the book speaks well for its popularity. It covers over forty years of experience of many authorities in the field of otolaryngology from this department of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

This edition has been largely brought up to date by incorporating new methods and by the addition of chapters on allergy, direct laryngoscopy, otosclerosis, and the use of sulfa drugs and the antibiotics, in the diseases of the ear, nose and throat. Unfortunately a few of the remedial measures advised, such as alkalizing the system, are no longer in as general use as they were when other editions of the book were published. Some of these could well have been omitted.

The chapter on allergy is not as complete as might have been desired, since allergy has been found to play such an important part in diseases of the ear, nose and throat. This could be said of otitis media with effusion. However, following the intent of the book, these might be considered sufficient. It is designed especially for senior medical students and general practitioners and as such, meets these requirements.

It has nine excellent colored plates, which depict very well the subject matter. The illustrations are numerous and good.

With the vast clinical experience it represents and with its clarity and brevity, it is well worth while as a reference book for those for whom it is intended, but would hardly be adequate for the specialist in otolaryngology.

BODY TEMPERATURE—Its Changes with Environment, Disease and Therapy. W. A. Selle, Ph.D., Professor of Biophysics and Physiology, University of California Medical School, Los Angeles. Charles C. Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, Illinois, 1952. 112 pages, \$3.50.

In this monograph from the American Lectures in Physical Medicine Series, the author has given a scanning review of the pertinent literature concerning body temperature in a manner of particular interest to physiologists and to investigators who might wish to have a well tempered synthesis and abstract of the mechanical and other features of the 222 references which cover the subject up to and including 1951.

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PAIN SENSATIONS AND REACTIONS. James D. Hardy, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physiology, Cornell University Medical College; Harold G. Wolff, M.D., Professor of Medicine (Neurology), Cornell University Medical College; and Helen Goodell, B.S., Research Fellow in Medicine, Cornell University Medical College. The Williams and Wilkins Company, Baltimore, 1952. 435 pages, \$6.50.

Most physicians are familiar with at least a part of Dr. Wolff's researches on the problem of pain. His standardization of the experimental production of painful sensation by light radiation has served to place study of this hitherto very qualitative attribute on a reasonably quantitative basis. This book is largely a compilation and systematization of the many papers which have appeared by Dr. Wolff and his co-workers over the years. On the foundation of the experimentally determined facts about pain, he has elaborated some theoretical concepts regarding the part that pain plays in the determination of human behavior that are of great importance to the practicing physician. He gives a clear exposition of the concept of the internuncial pool and central excitatory state which is helpful in understanding the clinical effectiveness of procaine injections in chronic pain states. Although one need not agree with all the hypotheses set forth, they are provocative of thought, and the experimental basis for them is a sound foundation for further theorizing. The style is clear and easily understood; it is possible, however, to get lost in the mass of detail.

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1952 YEAR BOOK OF DRUG THERAPY. Harry Beckman, M.D., Director, Departments of Pharmacology, Marquette University Schools of Medicine and Dentistry. The Year Book Publishers, Inc., 200 East Illinois Street, Chicago, 1952. 606 pages, \$5.50.

Like its predecessors, the 1952 Year Book of Drug Therapy can be recommended to the practicing physician who wishes to keep up with latest information on pharmacotherapy (see *CALIFORNIA MEDICINE*, 76:64, May 1952).

Among the items receiving considerable attention in this volume are cortisone, ACTH, the broad spectrum antibiotics, the therapy of tuberculosis and the potential toxicity of all potent drugs.